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SUBJECT: CAR PRESIDENT ON ANTI-SOVIET COURSE OVER ANGOLA

REF: A. STATE 02925 B# STATE 01375 (NOTAL) C. BANGUI 0026

1. CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA CALLED CHARGE IN JANUARY 6 TO CONVEY HIS RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER OF JANUARY 3 ON AFRICAN AND ANGOLAN POLICY (STATE 01375). BOKASSA ASKED THAT HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION BE EXPRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THIS CLEAR AND SENSIBLE STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN POLICY IN ANGOLA. BOKASSA SAID THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD IN ALL ESSENTIAL POINTS WITH US POSITION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "THE SAME AS OURS AND THE OAU'S." PRESIDENT BOKASSA SAID FORD LETTER AND TEXT OF SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 24 PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN PREPARING HIS REMARKS FOR THE ADDIS OAU SUMMIT THIS WEEK, WHICH REMARKS HE SAID WOULD BE ANTI-SOVIET IN TONE.

2. CONTINUING CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE IN PRESENCE OF FORMER PRESIDENT DAVID DACKO, SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE PATASSE, ACTING FONMIN DALLOT-BEFIO AND SEVERAL OTHER CABINET MEMBERS, BOKASSA THEN LAUNCHED INTO EMOTIONAL TIRADE AGAINST SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET POLICY IN ANGOLA.

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3. AS REGARDS SOVIET INTENTIONS IN ANGOLA AND AFRICA, BOKASSA

SAID THEY ARE OUT TO EXERCISE WORLD SUPREMACY. HE SAID USSR IS "DANGEROUS" STATE WHOSE POLICY PROJECTS "PRECISELY SAME IMAGE AS NAZI GERMANY," AND WHOSE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYS SAME ATTITUDE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AS HITLER. BOKASSA SAID SOVIETS UP TO SAME MISCHIEF IN ANGOLA AS EARLIER IN GERMANY, KOREA AND VIET-NAM.

4. BOKAFSA SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS USING "DIRTY TACTICS" IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE IN ATTEMPT "LITTLE BY LITTLE" TO DIVIDE WORLD INTO TWO BLOCS, MOTIVATED BY AN INFERIORITY

COMPLEX WHICH GAVE THEM A COMPULSIVE NEED TO IMPOSE THEIR SYSTEM ON OTHERS.

5. IN VIEW FOREGOING, EMBASSY CONCURS WITH ASSESSMENT CONTAINED STATE 02925 CONCERNING CAR POSITION ON RECOGNITION OF MPLA/FNLA/UNITA ON EVE OF OAU SUMMIT.

6. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO VEX DEPARTMENT WITH VERBOSE UTTERANCES FROM HEAD OF RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT STATE BUT GRAVITY OF SITUATION ON GROUND AND OF DIPLOMATIC/CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK IN ANGOLA EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH IT TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THIS AFRICAN LEADER IN HIS PRO-OAU, ANTI-SOVIET MOOD AND TO REPORT ON RESULTS. SWING

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